

Jesus Fulfills The Law



MEMORY VERSE: "Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"
Matthew 22:37-39



Matthew 22:36-40 The Law Summed Up

1. Read Matthew 22:36-40. What two commands is the 'entire law' based on?
2. These verses neatly sum up the Ten Commandments. How do the first four commandments teach us to love God?
3. How do the last six commandments help us follow the second greatest commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself?"

The Ten Commandments appear to be a list of rules we have to follow. But when Jesus came, He explains the WHY behind it: It's all about love!



Romans 8:3-4 Jesus and the Law

4. Read Romans 8:3-4. Why was the Law of Moses (the Ten Commandments) unable to save us? What did God do that the law could not do?
5. When God sent His Son into an earthly body as a sacrifice for us, what did He declare an end to? Instead of following our sinful nature, who are we free to follow now?
6. Read Matthew 5:17. Do you see the goodness of God for doing things this way (giving us the law through Moses and then sending Jesus to fulfill the law and save us)? What does this tell us about how God views the law?



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"The Law" In Our Lives Today

7. Read Psalm 19:7-9. What does it say about God's commandments? Do you believe that this is still true for us today? Why or why not?

8. Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13. What are we supposed to do with God's law and why?

9. How does keeping God's commandments bring us blessings and breaking them hurt us?

10. What does John 8:31-32 mean? Has the "truth" set you free?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

This is the gospel, or the "good news" of Jesus Christ! God gave us the law to live by, but none of us can do it perfectly. We all mess up and make mistakes, or sin. And sin is the only thing keeping us away from God. So God sent His own Son to earth, to live the life we could not live, and pay the price WE are supposed to pay for our failures. God fulfilled the Law for us because He knew we couldn't, and He loves us and wants to be with us. We are now free from sin, free to follow the Spirit, and called to share this good news with others! How good is our God!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Jesus, Thank You for dying for my sins. I need the Holy Spirit to help me so I can honor You and follow Your commandments. Thank You for Your help and for Your love for me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



How has Jesus changed the way you view the Ten commandments and how they apply to our lives today?

Various References (NLT)

Matthew 22:36-40: “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” 37 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Romans 8:3-4: “The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. 4 He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.”


Matthew 5:17 : “Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.”

Psalms 19:7-9. “The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living. 9 Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair.”

Deuteronomy 10:12-13: “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul. 13 And you must always obey the Lord’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good.”

John 8:31-32: “Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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As we learned in this lesson, keeping the law does not save you, faith in Jesus and His sacrifice does. Salvation is not about what you do but what God can do for you! The law acts as a mirror. Jesus conquered sin and death so that we may have life! And all we have to do is believe! THAT is called amazing grace! Here are a few additional verses that might help in your understanding.

Galatians 2:16: “Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”

Romans 10:4: “For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.

John 3:16: “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

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